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SUBJECT: KOREA-GRENADA RELATIONS

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1. WE UNDERSTAND NORTH KOREA IS SENDING DELEGATIONS TO SEVERAL ARA COUNTRIES AND ASSUME THEY WILL SEEK SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH KOREA UN POSITION ATTACKING US MILITARY PRESENCE IN SOUTH KOREA AND CALLING FOR END OF UN COMMAND. IN SOME CASES NORTH KOREANS ARE ALSO EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC OR TRADE RELATIONS.

2. ON QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, EMBASSY MAY IN ITS DISCRETION DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG:

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3. USG UNDERSTANDS DESIRE OF MANY COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH

RELATIONS WITH NK UNDER PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY. MORE-
OVER WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN LONGRUN IT WILL BE BENEFICIAL
TO BRING NORTH KOREA OUT OF PRESENT ISOLATION AND INTO
MORE REASONABLE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, INCLUD-
ING FULL MEMBERSHIP IN UNGA ALONG WITH ROK ASROK HAS
PROPOSED (BUT NORTH OPPOSES). HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT
EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT OF TWO KOREAN PARTIES BY INTER-
NATIONAL COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIAL TO CREATE CLIMATE CON-
DUCIVE TO STABILITY OF KOREAN PENINSULA AND RESOLUTION

OF KOREAN ISSUES BY KOREANS. ROKG HAS RECOGNIZED THIS
NECESSITY AND PRESIDENT PARK IN JUNE 1973 PUBLICLY EXPRESS-
ED INTENTION TO DEAL WITH ALL COUNTRIES ON BASIS OF
EQUALITY AND RECIPROCITY. IN CONTRAST, HOWEVER, NK HAS
ACTIVELY SOUGHT TO RESTRICT ACTION BY HER FRIENDS AND
ALLIES TOWARD DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH THE ROK; AS
RESULT OF WHICH SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENT HAS BEEN TOWARD--
RECOGNITION OF NORTH WITH NO CORRESPONDING RECIPROCITY
BY ALLIES OF NK. ALTHOUGH APPROACHES BY FRIENDS OF ROKG
HAVE BEEN MADE TO BLOC COUNTRIES, NONE HAS YET AGREED TO
RECOGNIZE THE SOUTH. ACCORDINGLY, GOG COULD MAKE
CONTRIBUTION TO CONCEPT OF EQUAL TREATMENT BY INFORMING
NK THAT GRENADA WOULD BE PREPARED TO IMPROVE RELATIONS
WITH NORTH ONLY AS PART OF PARALLEL MOVE BY FRIENDS OF
NORTH TOWARD ROK.

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